

NEWS

6th MCD supports education through computer donation



Cpl. John F. Silwanus  
**Corporal Roydricious V. Washington, awards clerk, 6th Marine Corps District, assists Darlene Rumph, technology coordinator for Joseph S. Shanklin Sr. Elementary School, in loading software onto a computer donated to the school by the 6th Marine Corps District. All told, the district donated 14 personal computers to the school, Jan. 6.**

**BUILD,**  
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Jan. 30, 2002, and construction for the building began October 2002.

Aside from replacing the old COC, the 11,000-square-foot building will be primarily used for recruit academic training and replace the previous training area near the gas chamber. The building will come equipped with an audiovisual projector, video screen and rifle racks, as well as a lounge, briefing room and other amenities for staff members.

Completion of the new building will come as a big relief for the Crucible and Basic Warrior

Training instructors, whom previously had to conduct all training outside without the use of effective training aids.

“It will significantly enhance our ability to train recruits,” said Sgt. Curtis Ross, BWT instructor, who explained that since a projector screen will be used for presentations instead of the usual turn screen, it will make the previous recruit training area obsolete.

An array of classes, from hand/arm signals to the Day Movement Course, will be taught in one area, cutting the number of needed instructors down from five per event to one, added Chief Crucible Instructor Staff Sgt. Terry

Mesec.

The facility will also be used for briefing official visitors who come to view recruit training and Crucible operations, said Mesec.

“The new building makes it a lot more professional to give a presentation to VIPs,” said Mesec. “It’s a lot bigger and a better environment for that.”

According to Lewis Smith, resident engineer in charge of construction for Beaufort, turnover of the building to its users will take place in two weeks.

After that, only training equipment and furniture will need to be installed before becoming fully operational.

**CPL. JOHN F. SILWANUS**  
*6TH MARINE CORPS DISTRICT*

The 6th Marine Corps District recently improved the condition of schools within the district by donating more than 80 personal computers throughout the past two months.

These donations are part of Executive Order 12999, Educational Technology Ensuring Opportunity For All Children In The Next Century, designed to put computers displaced by the Navy/Marine Corps Intranet to good use, according to Gunnery Sgt. Price E. Martin Jr., Information Systems Management Chief. With the advent of NMCI, the District received newer computers, making the older computers useless to the Department of the Navy.

“As we removed these computers from our system, we started to search for schools and other places that could use them,” Martin explained.

Several recruiting stations throughout the district have participated in the program for the past month. Recruiting Stations Atlanta, Jacksonville and Orlando have donated several computers to a number of schools throughout their

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respective regions.

Among the recipients of computer donations, is the Sullivan Center in Atlanta, according to Miriam Johnson, information technology supervisor, RS Atlanta. Johnson made contact with the center, which said they plan to use the computers to help less fortunate mothers learn basic computer skills.

Joseph S. Shanklin Elementary School in Beaufort had members on hand to receive the donated computers, which will be put to good use, according to Darlene Rumph, technology coordinator for the school.

“We have had requests from teachers for more stand-alone computers,” Rumph said. “With this donation we will be able to fill those requests and have others to use in other areas.”

While ISMO conducted their search, a Marine from the District discovered Shanklin’s need for computers. Cpl. Roydricious V. Washington,

awards clerk, picked up his daughter one day when he heard the school was looking for more computers.

“They had probably one computer to every 30 students, so I started looking around for computers to pass on to them,” Washington stated. “I talked to ISMO and found they had 14 computers. Then I was able to set up the donation through contact with the school and ISMO.”

Even after the donation, Washington will continue to help the school by installing several operating programs in the machines once they are in place around the school.

All of the computers are searched and cleared of all sensitive information before they are handed over to the school, according to Martin.

The recruiting stations, as well as the district, have found the executive order to be more beneficial than disposing the computers.

“We are also showing the community that the Marine Corps cares about increasing the basis of the community’s education,” the Manchester, Tenn., native, said. “By enhancing the foundation of the community’s educational level, we enhance the foundation for our society.”

Coach/PMI of the Week ...



Cpl. Jennifer Brofer  
**Primary Marksmanship Instructor Sgt. Ahrin McCoy (above) helped qualify 100 percent of the recruits from Platoon 1014, Bravo Co., 1st RTBn. The platoon achieved an average rifle qualification score of 212. Starlite Range Coach Cpl. Daniel Perry (not pictured) coached 15 recruits from Platoon 1010, Bravo Co., 1st RTBn., to rifle range qualification. Perry coached eight experts, three sharpshooters and four marksmen.**

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Sunday School/Education

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